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CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM PROGRAMMATIC EIS/EIR

On March 16, 1998, a copy of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program was released for public review and comment. **Written comments are due by June 1, 1998.** Public comments can also be submitted orally at one of the twelve public hearings that will be held at various locations around the state prior to the close of the public comment period.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort by fifteen state and federal agencies with regulatory and management responsibilities in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin River Bay-Delta to develop a long-term plan to restore ecosystem health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. The objective of this collaborative planning process is to identify comprehensive solutions to the problems of ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, water quality, and Delta levee and channel integrity.

The draft EIS/EIR identifies twelve alternative methods to achieve this objective and analyzes the environmental impacts of each of those alternatives. Each of these alternatives includes the core programs which address the problem areas of ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, water quality, and vulnerability of Delta levees and channels, as well as a range of storage and conveyance options. This is a programmatic-level document to choose a long-term plan, and by its very nature focuses on the interrelated long-term and cumulative consequences of each of the alternatives. Implementation of the plan will follow the approval of a preferred program alternative, and subsequent environmental review for project specific aspects of the program will be required.

To receive a copy of either the Executive Summary/Phase II Interim Report or the entire draft EIS/EIR, send a written request or call the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 252-34, Sacramento, CA 95814, Attention: Rick Breitenbach (916) 657-2666.

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